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**IMPORTANT DAYS****Zero Discrimination Day: 1st March**

- **Zero Discrimination Day 2024** is celebrated on **March 1st, 2024**.
- The theme for Zero Discrimination Day 2024 is **“To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights.”**
- Zero Discrimination Day was **first celebrated and observed on March 1st, 2014**.
- Zero Discrimination Day was **launched by UNAIDS**.

**World Civil Defence Day: 1st March**

- **World Civil Defence Day 2024** is observed on the **1st of March 2024**
- In **1958**, the **International Association of Geneva Zones** became the **International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO)** and was given a new status as a non-governmental organization with objectives such as establishing a liaison between national civil defence organizations, undertaking and promoting studies and research on population protection matters, and facilitating the exchange of experience and the coordination of efforts in the area of disaster prevention, preparedness, and intervention.

**Self Injury Awareness Day: 1st March**

- **Self Injury Awareness Day 2024** is observed on the **1st of March 2024**
- The **Self-Injury Awareness Day (SIAD)** is a global event that is conducted every year on **March 1st**.
- The history and origin of **Self Injury Awareness Day** are not known properly but the day was celebrated more than **20 years** on **1st March**.

**Employee Appreciation Day: 1st March**

- **Employee Appreciation Day 2024** is observed every year on the **1st Friday of March**, so, for this year it is observed on **March 1st, 2024**.
- **Employee Appreciation Day 2024** is an annual event that focuses attention on employees in all industries.
- **Employee Appreciation Day** is an unofficial holiday observed on the first Friday of March.

**World Wildlife Day: 3rd March**

- **World Wildlife Day 2024** is celebrated on **March 3rd, 2024**.

- The 2024 theme, “Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation”.
- It commemorates the day of the signature of the Convention on International Trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora. World Wildlife Day 2024 is a great opportunity to celebrate many beautiful and various flora and fauna species.
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** declared **March 3**, at its **68th session**, the day of the adoption of the **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)**.

### World Hearing Day 2024: 3rd March

- **World Hearing Day** is announced to be celebrated on **March 3rd, 2024**.
- It is observed to raise public awareness about how to avoid deafness and hearing impairment, as well as to support ear and hearing care around the world.
- In 1870 Hearing educators eliminated sign language and agreed to embrace oral teaching at the **Second International Congress on Deaf Education in Milan, Italy**.
- The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** created a holiday to raise awareness to avoid deafness in 2007 and the holiday was renamed from **International Ear Care Day to World Hearing Day in 2016**.

### National Safety Day: 4th March

- **National Safety Day 2024** is celebrated on **March 4th, 2024**.
- To create awareness about the importance of all guidelines like safety, workplace safety, and the safety of human health and the environment the **National Safety Day 2024** is celebrated every year on 4th March.
- In 1965, a decision was taken to set up national and state-level Safety Councils by the **Ministry of Labour and Employment** and the **Standing Labour Committee’s session** approved this in **February 1966**.

### World Sustainable Energy Days 2024: 5 - 8th March

- **World Sustainable Energy Day 2024** is observed on **5 - 8th March** across the world.
- It hosts events centred on sustainable energy production and use, which cover energy efficiency and renewable energy sources for buildings, industry, and transport.

- In her 2020 State of the Union address, President of the European Commission Ursula von den Leyen proposed the emissions reduction target be set at 55%, alongside a revision of the EU's climate and energy legislation.

### International Women's Day: 8th March

- **International Women's Day 2024** is celebrated on **8th March 2024**.
- The International Women's Day 2024 theme is **"Invest in women: Accelerate progress"**
- In 1869, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton started the National Women's Suffrage Association to fight for women's rights.

### CISF Raising Day: March 10

- **CISF Raising Day** is celebrated on **10th March 2024**.
- The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is one of the Central Armed Police Forces in India.
- CISF is a unique organization in the paramilitary forces of India, which works to provide security cover to over 300 industrial units, government infrastructure projects, and facilities and establishments located all over India.
- **CISF was formed on March 10, 1969**, under the CISF Act of the Parliament of India.

### National No Smoking Day: 13th March

- **National No Smoking Day 2024** is observed on **13th March 2024 (the Second Wednesday of March)**
- The National No Smoking Day 2024 theme is, **"Protecting children from tobacco industry interference"**.
- The first National No Smoking Day was in 1984, and it now takes place on the second Wednesday of March to encourage people all over the world to quit smoking.
- According to the researchers, this effort has proven very effective, and was observed that at least one in ten people gave up smoking on National No Smoking Day.

### International Day of Action of Rivers 2024: March 14

- **International Day of Action of Rivers 2024** is an international event celebrated on **March 14th, 2024**.
- The International Day Of Action For Rivers 2024 theme is **'Water for All'**, which demands that the rivers be declared a national asset.

- The International Day of Action Against Dams and For Rivers, Water and Life was adopted by the participants of the **First International Meeting of People Affected by Dams** in **March 1997** in **Curitiba, Brazil**, according to [internationalrivers.org](http://internationalrivers.org).

### PI Day 2024: March 14<sup>th</sup> 2024

- **PI Day 2024** is observed on **March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.
- It is an international event observed all over the world on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March every year. It is a day to celebrate the mathematical constant pi ( $\pi$ ) and to eat lots of pie.
- **Pi Day 2024 celebrates the mathematical constant  $\pi$  (3.14)**.
- An American Physicist **Larry Shaw** organized the first **Pi Day** in **1988** at the San Francisco Exploratorium.

### World Kidney Day: March 14

- World Kidney Day is observed on the **second Thursday of March, every year**.
- This year it falls on **March 14**.
- World Kidney Day aims to create awareness about the importance of healthy kidneys and how one can maintain kidney health and prevent kidney-related diseases.
- The **theme for the 2024 campaign is 'Kidney Health For All.'**

### World Sleep Day 2024: March 15

- On **15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, **World Sleep Day 2024** is observed all over the world.
- World Sleep Day is an annual event, intended to be a celebration of sleep and a call to action on important issues related to sleep, including medicine, education, social aspects, and driving.
- World Sleep Day was founded by the **World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Day Society** in **2008**.
- The first World Sleep Day was held on **14 March 2008**.

### World Consumer Rights Day 2024: March 15

- **World Consumer Rights Day 2024** is observed all over the world on **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.
- It is a global event that aims to raise awareness about consumer rights and needs.
- **World Consumer Rights Day** was inspired by **President John F Kennedy**, who sent a special message to the **US Congress** on **15<sup>th</sup> March 1962**, in which he formally addressed the issue of consumer

rights.

### **National Vaccination Day: March 16**

- On 16th March 2024, National Vaccination Day is observed all over India.
- It is a national event celebrated annually since 1995 on the 16th of March every year.
- National Vaccination Day is celebrated every year in the country on March 16 as on the same day the first dose of Oral Polio Vaccine was given in India in 1995.

### **Ordnance Factories Day 2024: March 18**

- Ordnance Factories Day 2024 is observed on the 18th of March 2024.
- The East India Company of England, to increase their economic interest and political hold, considered manufacturing military hardware as a vital element.
- The British authorities in 1775 established a Board of Ordnance in Fort William, Kolkata, which marks the official beginning of the Army Ordnance in India.
- They further set up a gunpowder factory in 1787 at Ishapore, which started production in 1791.

### **International Day of Happiness: March 20**

- International Day of Happiness 2024 is observed on the 20th of March 2024.
- Back in 2011, the idea was introduced to the United Nations by the advisor Jayme Illien. Illien also founded the United Nations New Economic Paradigm project and 'happytalism', which aim to change the way nations approach economic growth by focusing on 'happytalism' over capitalism.
- The General Assembly of the United Nations agreed with the proposal and officially founded the International Day of Happiness in July 2012, with the occasion first being observed in 2013.

### **World Oral Health Day 2024: March 20**

- World Oral Health Day 2024 is observed on the 20th of March 2024.
- WOHD was first declared and originally celebrated on September 12, 2007, however, the campaign came into action in 2013.

### **World Sparrow Day: March 20**

- World Sparrow Day is observed on 20th March.

- **World Sparrow Day** was first observed in 2010, marking the beginning of a campaign to save these chirpy little birds.
- The Nature Forever Society was founded by an Indian conservationist Mohammad Dilawar who started his work helping house sparrows in Nashik.
- For his efforts, he was named ‘Heroes of Environment’ for 2008 by Time Magazine.

### World Poetry Day: March 21

- **World Poetry Day 2024** is celebrated all over the world on the 21st of March 2024.
- The earliest poetry is believed to have surfaced with the “Epic of Gilgamesh” sometime during 2000 B.C., but it is likely that poetry existed even before the spread of literacy.
- The day was proposed and adopted by UNESCO in 1999, on the occasion of its 30th General Conference held in Paris to “give fresh recognition and impetus to national, regional and international poetry movements.”
- On March 21st, 2000 the first World Poetry Day was celebrated.

### World Down Syndrome Day: March 21

- **World Down Syndrome Day 2024** is celebrated all over the world on the 21st of March 2024.
- In 2005, the UN’s general assembly decided that in fulfilling the UN’s Sustainable Development Goal no one should be left behind and persons with disabilities must also come forward to help the UN in its targets of Agenda 2030.
- The convention was then opened for signatures on 30 March 2007.

### World Forestry Day: March 21

- **World Forest Day 2024** is celebrated all over the world on the 21st of March 2024.
- Previously, the 16th session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) voted for “World Forestry Day” in 1971.
- Then, from 2007 to 2012, the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) held six Forest Days.

### World Water Day 2024: March 22

- **World Water Day 2024** is celebrated all over the world on March 22nd, 2024.
- The day is used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.
- The idea for this international day goes back to 1992, the year in which the United Nations



Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro took place.

- That same year, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution by which **22 March** of each year was declared World Day for Water, to be observed starting in 1993.

### World Meteorological Day 2024: March 23

- World Meteorological Day is celebrated on March 23 every year all over the world and it is an annual event.
- The day is celebrated as the establishment of the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**, and it concentrates on the behaviour of Earth's atmosphere.
- **In 1873, The First Weather Organization was formed** and the International Meteorological Association was formed to exchange information about weather across national borders.
- On March 23rd, 1953, The International Meteorological Organization became the **World Meteorological Organization**, which it still is today.
- On March 23rd, 1961, The first World Meteorological Day was observed, on the anniversary of the organization's creation.

### World Tuberculosis (TB) Day 2024: March 24

- World Tuberculosis Day, observed on **24 March** each year all over the world, is designed to build public awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis and efforts to eliminate the disease.
- World Tuberculosis (TB) Day continues with the **theme "Yes! We can end TB"**.
- On **March 24, 1882**, Dr. Robert Koch announced the discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacteria that causes tuberculosis (TB).

### International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2024:

#### March 25

- On **March 25th**, International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2024 is celebrated all over the world.
- International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is a United Nations international observance designated in **2007** to be marked on **25 March** every year.

### International Day of the Unborn Child 2024: March 25

- On **March 25th**, International Day of the Unborn Child 2024 is celebrated all over the world.
- International Day of the Unborn Child was established by **Pope John Paul II** to coincide with the Feast



of the Annunciation and is officially recognized in several predominantly Catholic countries.

- El Salvador was the first country to recognize a Day of the Right to Be Born, which was established in 1993.

### Purple Day of Epilepsy- March 26

- Purple Day of Epilepsy is a global awareness campaign for epilepsy held annually on March 26.
- The day is dedicated to educating people about epilepsy, a neurological condition that affects millions worldwide.
- Cassidy Megan, a young Canadian girl diagnosed with epilepsy, started Purple Day in 2008 to raise awareness about the condition.
- The first Purple Day was held on March 26th, 2008, and witnessed enthusiastic participation in Canada.
- In 2009, Cassidy Megan and the Epilepsy Association of The Maritimes joined forces with The Anita Kaufmann Foundation to launch Purple Day internationally.

### World Theatre Day: March 27

- World Theatre Day is celebrated every year on March 27.
- In 1961, the International Theatre Institute (ITI) proposed that there should be a day every year to celebrate the importance of theatre.